



The Chapel  
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Week 6: Follow His Lead  
Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

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### 1. OPEN IN PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Have a group member pray, invite the Holy Spirit to lead, and fill your time together.

### 2. GETTING STARTED: (10 MINUTES)

- Question: Philip was led by an angel and the Holy Spirit in specific ways. Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt God was leading you? What happened?

### 3. READ ACTS 8:26-40 TOGETHER (5 MINUTES)

- Ask one or two group members to read the passage aloud.

### 4. DISCUSS (30 MINUTES)

#### Understanding the Passage:

- What are some practical ways we can “tune in” to the Holy Spirit’s voice in our daily lives? What distraction tend to drown out God’s voice in your life? What are some practical steps you can take to create more space to hear Him?
- Pastor Dave challenged believers: Are you walking close to spiritual seekers? He said that it is very easy, as a Christian, to spend all our time with fellow believers – because we are comfortable with them. But God told Philip, “I want you to run alongside the chariot so you can hear what he’s saying.” Are YOU running alongside some people who don’t know God? Who are the people God has placed in your life that you might be called to “run alongside” and share His truth with? What challenges do you face in engaging them?
- The Ethiopian official humbled himself and asked for help in understanding Scripture. Why do you think humility is so important in spiritual growth?
- Many people today claim to be seeking truth but resist real exploration. What are some common barriers that keep people from genuinely seeking God?
- The Ethiopian man was searching for God but was excluded from the temple. How does this story show that the gospel is for everyone, regardless of their past or status?
- Philip used Scripture to explain Jesus to the Ethiopian. How comfortable are you in sharing Jesus with others? What helps or hinders you? How can we help each other become more comfortable with sharing Jesus with others?

## Applying the Message:

- Like Phillip:
  - Are you leaning in the direction of the Holy Spirit?
  - Are you getting and staying close enough to people so that you can hear their heart and needs?
  - How can you take them from where they are **towards Jesus**?

## 5. LIVE IT OUT: (10 MINUTES)

- Spend intentional time each day this week asking the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone who needs encouragement, prayer, or to hear about Jesus.
  - **Start with Prayer:** Begin each day with this simple prayer: "Holy Spirit, show me where to go, who to talk to, and how to share Your love today. Help me follow Your lead."
  - **Be Attentive:** Pay attention to opportunities — a coworker, friend, neighbor, or even a stranger — where you sense God nudging you to speak or act.
  - **Step Out in Faith:** Whether it's offering prayer, sharing your faith, or simply being present and listening, take a bold step to follow where the Spirit leads.

## 6. CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

- Invite the Holy Spirit to lead us this week, just as He led Philip. Pray for eyes to see opportunities, ears to hear His prompting, and hearts willing to follow wherever He guides.